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6. [REDACTED] of TSS, called to appeal a ruling of this office to the effect that if certain testimony which was to be given before the House Judiciary Committee on 21 April on the subject of wiretapping gadgets were

to be held in Executive Session this Agency would not wish to have an observer present. [REDACTED] asked to appeal this ruling. After talking with Mr. Kirkpatrick, I pointed out to [REDACTED] that the whole wire-tapping bill was a very sensitive matter insofar as CIA was concerned in that it was purely an internal security matter from which we were barred by statute; that we had told the Committee we did not wish to testify on the bill because it was outside of our jurisdiction; and that therefore I do not wish to approach the Committee with a request to have a CIA man in the Executive Session.

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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

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